

ownership. Peeling and frying the potatoes by hand, the Ballreichs turned the love of making potato chips into a fledgling business. Soon after the start of this small operation, Fred persuaded his brother Carl to join the venture, and thus, the Ballreich Brothers partnership began.

As demand for these snack foods began to grow so did the Ballreich Brothers' business. To meet that demand the Ballreich's moved into the age of technology and began to mechanize their means of production. Today, a multitude of conveyors and industrial size machinery allow the company to produce over 2,000 pounds of the famous potato chip in one hour.

The Ballreich Company is a brand name within the northwest Ohio region, and is becoming nationally recognized. As individuals venture out from the region and take this regional tradition with them around the country, it allows others to become familiar with this beloved Ohio product.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize this company for all of its contributions to Ohio, including its commitment to all of the employees and their families who diligently work to keep this Ohio tradition alive. Also, it is appropriate to recognize the 150th anniversary of the potato chip, an institution within itself that has engrained itself into the American culture. In addition, I want to wish all of the Ballreich Company family the best. You are an example that not only is the American Spirit stronger than ever, but that the American Dream is alive and well.

#### EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR GOALS AND IDEAS OF DAY OF TRIBUTE TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS

SPEECH OF

**HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 476, legislation Expressing Support for the Goals and Ideas of a Day of Tribute to All Firefighters. When I recently visited the Bethesda Fire Department, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, the Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department, the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, the Rockville Fire Department, and the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department, I witnessed an amazing bond of brotherhood among the firefighters, the Auxiliary Team, and the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Fire Departments are much more than just buildings that house employees. They are truly places of community. Firefighters are much more than colleagues to one another. They are truly members of an extended family. At many of the firehouses, I saw married couples, their parents, and their children at their monthly meetings brought together by a sense of tradition, honor, family, and love. Tradition and honor is so apparent, any volunteer or career firefighter can tell you the history of their department and the history of their community.

Many would tell you that the last fallen firefighter in Montgomery County, Maryland was Jim Nicewarner. In 1977, as he was transporting an individual to George Washington

Hospital, the medic unit he was riding in was tragically struck by another car. Many say he wasn't supposed to be working that night. He was substituting for another medic from another department. The overwhelming consensus among the firefighters in Montgomery County is that's what is done for one another.

I am very proud of my Hometown Heroes of Montgomery County. It is important we recognize that these firefighters, as well as all firefighters across the Nation, were heroes long before September 11. They will continue to be heroes each day they risk their lives to save our own. It is time we pay tribute to those who are ready in a moment's notice to make the ultimate sacrifice, so that our community and our nation is a safe place to live.

#### HONORING THE CITY OF SHELLEY, IDAHO, AND THE SHELLEY SPUD DAYS ACTIVITIES

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 2, 2002*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, as the autumn nights get crisp and fall descends in eastern Idaho, the harvest of potatoes begins. So today, I rise to honor an Idaho tradition: Shelley Spud Days.

Shelley, Idaho, located in Bingham County, produces more potatoes than any other place in the world. Idaho farmers harvest 400,000 acres of spuds each year equaling more than 14 billion pounds. With worldwide fame, it's only fitting that Idaho's most famous commodity is commemorated each year in the heart of potato country USA.

So, for 74 years the closeknit community of Shelley has celebrated the harvest season with Shelley Spud Days. What started in 1927 when a handful of farmers gathered for a harvest party has transcended to one of Idaho's largest community celebrations. With only 3,500 residents, Shelley puts on a premier party. This year more than 10,000 people took in a day's worth of activities including wrestling in a mashed potato pit, shaking hands with Mr. Potato Head and eating a free baked potato with sour cream and butter.

As any non-profit organization understands, these events could never function without dedicated volunteers who spend countless hours ensuring its success. I especially want to thank Raylene Johnson, coordinator for the event, for her hard work.

I'm proud Shelley has continued this community event to celebrate what Idaho is famous for—potatoes. It's a celebration that hopefully will continue for years to come.

#### EXPRESSING SORROW OF THE HOUSE AT THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PATSY T. MINK, MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 1, 2002*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to join with my colleagues in paying a

richly deserved tribute to the memory of our esteemed and devoted colleague here in the Congress, Congresswoman PATSY MINK.

The character of the life she lived could be summed up in just a few words: she was compassionate, dedicated, strong-spirited, a tireless worker, a real trailblazer, and an inspiring leader. Congresswoman MINK was self-sacrificing and sincerely devoted to her constituents and to this House.

After becoming the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress in 1964, Congresswoman MINK won a reputation for taking the lead on issues involving civil rights, education, the environment, poverty, as well as opposition to the Vietnam War. She was one of the first legislators to call for the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon over Watergate, and her pioneering campaign for equality for women was credited with helping to make the issue a focal point of Democratic politics.

Congresswoman MINK was extremely proud of the leading role she played in 1972 in the passage of Title IX of the Education Act which as a result opened many doors and provided opportunities for young women in athletics. More recently, she opposed the toughening of welfare laws signed by former President Bill Clinton.

MINK has served in the U.S. Congress for 24 years. She was a "voice for the voiceless" and worked diligently for those who are oftentimes forgotten such as the poor and the disenfranchised.

Congresswoman MINK was a petite woman with a big heart and great intellect. It was a privilege to serve with her in the House and observe as she combined charm with an unlimited energy and the highest integrity. Her leadership and passion for justice will be missed not only by those who served with her, but by her constituents which she proudly served.

In closing and to sum up the impact which I believe PATSY MINK has had, I would like to paraphrase the words of Abraham Lincoln who stated in a memorable address: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but can never forget what they did here."

My deepest condolences to her husband John and daughter Wendy, and to the constituents to the second district of Hawaii.

#### HONORING ED AND NANCY FELDMAN AND DRS. GUS AND BECCA GALANTE

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 2, 2002*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to commend four of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Ed and Nancy Feldman and Drs. Gus and Becca Galante. On Sunday, October 6, 2002, these couples will be honored for their exemplary and dedicated service to Northwest Indiana and to the State of Israel. Their praiseworthy efforts will be recognized at the annual Northwest Indiana-Israel Dinner of State, as they receive the prestigious Jerusalem Medal. The State of Israel Bonds presents the Jerusalem Medal to worthy recipients who demonstrate